

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-9. Canceled.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-aided design (CAD) information management system comprising:

a user terminal connected, via a communication network, to a plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said plurality of databases for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-source address information based on input information which is inputted by a user,

wherein when CAD drawing information or specification information of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-destination address information, is inputted by the user as a search condition, said user terminal searches for the stored-source address information, corresponding to said stored-destination address information in said a-plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, selects information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said plurality of databases based on the search result, and outputs the selected

information.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-aided design (CAD) information management system comprising:

a user terminal connected, via a communication network, to a plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said plurality of databases for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-source address information based on input information which is inputted by a user,

wherein when CAD drawing information or specification information of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-destination address information, is inputted by the user as a search condition, said user terminal searches for the stored-source address information, corresponding to said stored-destination address information, in said a-plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, selects information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said plurality of databases based on the search result, and outputs the selected information, displays the selected information, and also displays update information of the selected information.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-aided design (CAD) information

management system comprising:

a server connected, via a communication network, to a plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said plurality of databases for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-source address information based on input information which is inputted by a user; and

a user terminal connected to said server via an information transfer path, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said server based on input information which is inputted by the user,

wherein when CAD drawing information or specification information of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-destination address information, is inputted by user as a search condition, said user terminal requests a search in accordance with said inputted information to said server, and displays the search result of said server, said server extracts the stored-destination address information corresponding to the information in response to the search request from said user terminal, searches for the stored-source address information, corresponding to said extracted stored-destination address information, in said plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers based on the stored-destination address information, selects information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said plurality of databases based on the search result, and transfers the selected

information to said user terminal.

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 11, further comprising:
a information management means for managing at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information, connected to said plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers,

said information management means outputs a result of determining whether or not an update request from said terminal is accepted to said terminal, and

wherein when receiving the result of determining that the update request is accepted from said information management means, said terminal updates at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information in said plurality of databases, and adds the update history information on the update to the update information.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 10, wherein at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information is stored in a distributed manner in said plurality of databases.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 11, wherein at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information is stored in a distributed manner in said plurality of databases.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 12, wherein at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information is stored in a distributed manner in said plurality of databases.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 13, wherein at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information is stored in a distributed manner in said plurality of databases.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer-aided design (CAD) information management method comprising the steps of:

by a communication network, connecting a user terminal to a plurality of databases, which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing,

by said terminal, searching for the stored-source address information corresponding to said stored-destination address information in said a-plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers, selecting information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said plurality of databases based on the search result, and outputting the selected information, when CAD drawing information or specification information of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-destination address information in advance, is inputted from said user terminal as a search condition.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

by an information management apparatus which is connected to a communication network, managing CAD drawing information and said specification information stored by a plurality of databases, and when ~~inputted~~ an update request is input from said user terminal, outputting a result of a determination~~ing as to~~ whether or not the update request from said user terminal is accepted to said user terminal,

by said user terminal, when receiving the result of the determination~~ing~~ that the update request from said information management apparatus is accepted, updating at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information in said plurality of databases, and adding update history information on update to the update information.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-aided design (CAD) information management method, comprising the steps of:

by a communication network, connecting a server which is arranged by user side, via a communication network, to a plurality of databases for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of component forming a CAD drawing, and which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers,

by a user terminal, when CAD drawing information or specification information

of a component forming a CAD drawing, corresponding to stored-destination address information in advance, is inputted by a user as a search condition, requesting a search in accordance with said search condition to said server,

by said server, extracting the stored-destination address information corresponding to the information in response to the search request from said user terminal, searching for the stored-source address information corresponding to said extracted stored-destination address information in said plurality of databases which are respectively located at and managed by a plurality of different manufacturers based on the stored destination address information, selecting information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said plurality of databases based on the search result, and transferring the selected information to said user terminal.